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MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM

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Executive Officer, DDA

SUBJECT

:

Possible DDA Participation in Center for
the Study of Intelligence Seminar Program

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1. [REDACTED], who is on detail to OTR/Center for the Study of Intelligence, is responsible for the seminar program. Chuck has visited me on two separate occasions trying to enlist participation by the DDA in this effort. The other three Directorates already have held seminars on a variety of topics using the seminar format, which varies from presentation by an individual followed by discussion, to a panel, to a debate between opposing points of views.

2. The attached was drawn up by [REDACTED] and only serves to provide some thought-provoking points illustrative of topics which could be used. I would appreciate your looking over this list and thinking about other topics which might lend themselves to a seminar. I might add that, at this point, Mr. Blake is somewhat lukewarm on this idea, primarily because a formal paper is written on the seminar proceedings. On the other hand, he has indicated that if there are topics which could be aired in this form, it might be worth doing so.

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3. Please let me have your thoughts on this within the next week or ten days. I would be happy with a verbal response.

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Attachment

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DDA Seminar Series

Simplifying Operational Accountings--Ara't write
offs below a certain amount cheaper?

Evaluation -- how do we evaluate CIA's many
products and activities? What are the
standards? Can every effort really be
quantified and graded?

I

Space--Construction vs. leases; the financial
costs of separation vs the financial benefits
of colocation.

II

Computer use in Field Stations

Personnel Issues V - Recruiting on contract for
DDO officers for trial three years

Buy American vs Security (travel American too)

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Can any capability (such as PM and CA and Agent
of Influence and inactive sources) be maintained
while inactive in today's CIA administrative
climate of resource allocations?

Controlling the Computers--wise and unwise
computer exploitations.

Personnel Issues I -- the fitness report

Personnel Issues II -- the variant promotion systems

Personnel Issues III --Deciding what the grade
level of a specific job should be. Have
we grade inflated beyond reason?

How to best determine what needs R & D effort and
at what cost?

Personnel Issues IV -- Guiding the employee on
what is expected of him--especially in
the non-functional fields

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